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1. MASS CIRCULATION HURRIYET PUBLISHED A NOTICE IN ITS TUESDAY (MARCH 18) EDITIONS THAT IT IS DISCONTINUING ITS SERIES ON TURKISH-U.S. BILATERAL AGREEMENTS AT THE REQUEST OF THE ANKARA MARTIAL LAW COMMAND. (SEE REFTELS). THE NOTICE GAVE NO FURTHER DETAILS. IN THE SPACE WHERE THE SERIES HAD RUN SUNDAY AND MONDAY (MARCH 16-17), HURRIYET CARRIED A STORY HEADLINED: "GERMAN MILITARY AID HAS TAKEN THE PLACE OF AMERICAN."

2. THE ANNOUNCED RESUMPTION OF GERMAN MILITARY AID RECEIVED
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CONSIDERABLE ATTENTION IN THE TURKISH PRESS MONDAY AND

TUESDAY. HEADLINES DECLARED THAT AID TO TURKEY WAS BEING RESUMED BEFORE AID TO GREECE. IN EDITORIAL COMMENT, GUNAYDIN MONDAY (MARCH 17) ATTRIBUTED THE GERMAN MOVE TO EFFORTS BY BOTH SECRETARY KISSINGER AND FORMER PRIME MINISTER BULENT ECEVIT, WHO HAS JUST RETURNED FROM A TRIP TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC. STORIES ALSO NOTED THE PROMINENT ROLE PLAYED BY ASST. SECRETARY HARTMAN IN CONTACTS IN BONN LEADING TO THE AID RESUMPTION.

3. ACCORDING TO THE RPP-ORIENTED DAILY BARIS TUESDAY (MARCH 18), JUSTICE PARTY DEPUTY SABAHATTIN ADALI HAS ASKED THE IRMAK GOVERNMENT TO CLARIFY JUST WHAT ROLE ECEVIT PLAYED IN OBTAINING RESUMPTION OF GERMAN AID. ADALI POINTED OUT THAT TURKISH STATE BROADCASTING (TRT) IN ITS SUNDAY (MARCH 16) BROADCASTS HAD ATTRIBUTED THE DEVELOPMENT TO ECEVIT'S VISIT.

4. IN OTHER MEDIA COVERAGE OF AID-RELATED DEVELOPMENTS, TRT IN ITS MAIN TUESDAY MORNING (MARCH 18) NEWS BROADCAST REPORTED THAT THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE HAD POSTPONED FURTHER ACTION ON RESTORATION OF U.S. AID TO TURKEY UNTIL IT CAN QUESTION SECRETARY KISSINGER ON THE ISSUE.
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